

Remarks

Applicants have amended claims 1, 14 and 31 to recite "monomer mixture" in both instances. This amendment is solely to use consistent language in both instances in each claim. It was not made in response to any rejection by the Examiner and does not change the scope of the claims in any way.

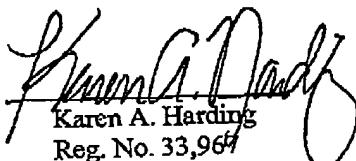
Applicants have further amended claims 1 and 31 to recite that the monomer mixture comprises a silicone-containing hydrogel monomer. Support for this amendment may be found in original claims 4 and 33, which have been canceled. Claims 4 and 33 were indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, in the February 24, 2005 office action.

Applicants have further amended claim 14 to recite that the hydrophilic coating composition comprises poly(2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate). Support for this amendment may be found in original claim 22, which has been canceled.

Applicants respectfully entry of the amendments.

Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments have traversed the Examiner's rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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